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August 5, 2009

Becky Bartling, Deputy General Manager
22nd District Agricultural Association
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Del Mar, CA 92014

In reply refer to:
724915: mporter

Dear Ms. Bartling:

Subject: Action on Request to Amend Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification No. 08C-058 for the Sewer Forcemain Replacement project.

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) is amending the Sewer Forcemain Replacement project, Certification Number 08C-058. This amendment to the Certification has been requested by the 22nd District Agricultural Association to authorize the removal of an abandoned sewer pipeline.

On approximately January 16, 2009, the now non-operational forcemain was exposed, likely due to increased tidal action associated with the opening of the wetlands east of Interstate 5 (I-5) (associated with the San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project, Certification Number 04C-113). A section of the pipeline approximately 25 feet in length was exposed. Since that time, an additional 20 feet has been exposed.

As part of the San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project, Southern California Edison (SCE) is required to maintain tidal flow between the Pacific Ocean and the restored/created wetlands parallel and flanking the I-5. In order to do so, periodic dredging in the vicinity of the old forcemain is required. Although SCE has the ability to avoid the pipeline, meetings with resource agencies (California Department of Fish and Game, Regional Board, California Coastal Commission, and United States Army Corps of Engineers) indicated a desire by these agencies to see the pipeline removed.

Any petition for reconsideration of this Certification must be filed with the State Water Resources Control Board within 30 days of certification action (23 CCR § 3867). If no petition is received, it will be assumed that the 22nd District Agricultural Association has accepted and will comply with all conditions of the Certification. Failure to comply with all conditions of this Certification may result in enforcement actions against the 22nd District Agricultural Association.

Additions to the Certification are shown in underline fonts below.

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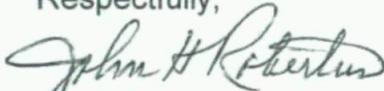
A. GENERAL CONDITIONS

11. As proposed by the applicant, removal of the existing forcemain will occur concurrently with the dredging required for the San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project. Removal of the pipeline would be accomplished utilizing the following methodology:

- **Cut the pipe at the existing south bank where it becomes exposed, which is north of the plugged point.**
- **Remove the 75 foot exposed section with a track excavator.**
- **Dig, break, and remove the remaining 135 foot buried section with a track excavator.**
- **The north end of the pipe will be left unexposed below channel grade, south of the plugged point, on the north side of the river.**
- **All removed pipe will be disposed of in a legal manner.**

In the subject line of any response, please include the requested "In reply refer to:" information located in the heading of this letter. For questions pertaining to the subject matter, please contact Mike Porter at (858) 467-2726 or mporter@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,



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Enclosures: Attachment 1, Project Site Map

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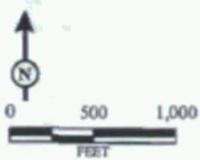
ATTACHMENT 1 PROJECT SITE MAP



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 Project Limits

22nd DAA Sewer Foremain Replacement Project



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Project Aerial

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